

Will Notre Dame Go Over The Top?

Poor Prospects Greet Harper at Notre Dame

Coach Finds Football Material Available Not Very Promising Considering the Unusually Heavy Schedule.

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With a football schedule that surpasses in calibre of opponents anything ever attempted at Notre Dame staring him in the face Athletic Director J. C. Harper arrived home yesterday from his ranch in Kansas to plunge into an all engrossing task that will keep him busy until Thanksgiving day. It is no ordinary season that gets underway at Notre Dame the 15th of next month. When practice opens simultaneously on all the western conference gridirons on that date Harper will start grooming his charges not only for a season of unusually heavy engagements but particularly for the Notre Dame-Wisconsin tilt that marks the first appearance of the gold and blue aggregation in the big ten territory in many years.

The Wisconsin game comes early in the season, and will be played at Madison October 13th is the date, and only the games with Kalamazoo college and Ripon college precede it. Wisconsin already is counting on a championship team, while Harper, try as he may to be optimistic, cannot predict such an agreeable condition at Notre Dame.

What They're Up Against.

Surely no one would call the following facts wonderfully encouraging. These men were automatically eliminated from further intercollegiate competition when they accepted their degree during the diamond jubilee in June—Coffey, Doran, Buchanan, Ward, Prantz, Miller, Banas and Jones. These have received Army commissions and will do their fighting for Uncle Sam—Bergman, Grant, McFerny, Murphy, O'Hara, Vogel, Slackford and Spenswick. These men have joined the second officers' reserve training camps—Deere and King. These men have enlisted—Malone and Coughlin.

Who will be on hand? "Big Frank" Rydzewski, the giant center of the past two seasons, is the one man Harper is banking on for a nucleus for this year's team. The big Pels has not made up his mind whether he will turn politician under Roger Sullivan in the windy city or come back and be the greatest center Notre Dame ever had for one more year.

Considerable End Material.

Two ends will report—Meagher and Whipple. The two alternated at right end last year but no doubt each will be a regular on the coming wartime team. Then there is Morales, the sensational Mexican, who because of the plentitude of end material last year at the outset of the season and a broken collarbone after the first few games, never got a chance to show his true worth.

"Pete" Bonchetti, a substitute guard last year, will arrive on time to try for a place on the team. Harper has intimated that the Italian may be shifted to the backfield next month where not a veteran of any description will be available. Andrews, a monogram guard last year, will be on hand. George Gipp holder of the long distance drop-kick record during 1916, will make a big bid for the fullback position. He has never shown the strength of the great Notre Dame fullbacks that have preceded him—Miller, Bachman and Eichenlaub—but his wonderful kicking ability may make him compare favorably with his predecessors. Stine, a freshman tackle, who showed promise on the last yearling organization, has vasty ambitions and will be fighting for a line position.

What Rockne Thinks.

Asst. Coach Rockne said yesterday, "Neither Harper nor myself have any idea of how the team will look when the first game comes around. We'll have to get a big squad of men out. More spirit among the students will have to be shown than ever before. The day that college athletics are only for the few will get a knock out blow when you see the gang we are going to force to come out for the team. If Pres' Wilson thinks athletics are a good thing for the college student, what business has an undergraduate sitting back and saying that don't mean me. Notre Dame must be weak, but we'll have a team."

In other words, Harper and Rockne have their work cut out for them, and they know it. Both are alive to the situation. Practice does not begin until Sept. 15th, but already are planning and preparing that not a moment may be lost when the players get here.

NOTRE DAME'S SCHEDULE FOR 1917 SEASON

Two Big Games Will be Played at Home, as Well as Two Preliminary Contests.

The Schedule

	Sept. 29	Ripon	college	at	Notre Dame
Cincinnati	5-6	Philadelphia	6-7	New York	3-2
Oct. 6	Kalamazoo	college	at	Notre Dame	
Oct. 13	Wisconsin	at	Madison		
Oct. 20	Nebraska	at	Lincoln		
Oct. 27	South Dakota	at	Notre Dame		
Nov. 3	Army	at	West Point	(cancelled)	
Nov. 10	Michigan "Aggies"	at	Notre Dame		
Nov. 17	Morningside	at	St. Louis		
Nov. 24	W. and J.	Washington	Pa.		

The big feature of the Notre Dame schedule, as far as South Bend is concerned, is the fact that the two big games will be played on the local gridiron. South Dakota and the Michigan "Aggies" should furnish keen competition and the news that these two games will be played here will be received with enthusiasm by all local followers of the sport.

Altogether there will be four games at home, the first two with Ripon college and Kalamazoo college. The 1917 season should prove one of the most interesting Notre Dame ever has played, from a South Bend standpoint.

In place of the annual eastern classic at West Point a game is being arranged to be played in Chicago on the date usually taken by the soldiers. An all-star team recruited from the Great Lakes naval training station or from Fort Shafter probably will supply the opposition. The Notre Dame-Carlsbad game in Chicago three years ago will be remembered as one of the most popular games Notre Dame ever played, and the proposed meeting in the same city in November between an all-star east and Notre Dame may outdo the Indian affair of a few years back.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 25.—Philadelphian pounded three Detroit pitchers for 16 hits and a total of 22 bases Friday, winning 8 to 4. Detroit knocked Schaner out after four innings, but could not hit Seibold, who followed. Bodie got two doubles and two singles in five times at bat. Score:

Philadelphia 6-2 6-2 6-2 8-16 2
Detroit 0-10 0-9 0-9 4-15 2

Schaner, Seibold and Haley; Cummings, Coeleske, Ehmkie and Spence, Yelle.

WINS GAME WITH HOMER

ST. PAUL, Aug. 25.—Ellison's error put Columbus in the running in the ninth inning Friday, but he won the game for the Saints with a home run in the final half, score 5 to 4. Griner pitched beautiful ball, holding the Senators to two hits in the first eight innings. Lowdermilk was wild, passing six, hitting three, and uncorking three wild pitches. Score:

St. Paul 110 020 001—4 5 1
Columbus 000 000 000—4 5 1

Griner and Hoffman; Lowdermilk and Coleman, Blackburn.

MILLERS WIN CLOSE ONE

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 25.—Minneapolis won a 1 to 0 pitchers' battle from Toledo Friday. Keating's wildness in the eighth resulting in the only run of the game. Boardman struck out 10 and Keating eight. Score:

Toledo 000 000 000—0 5 0
Minneapolis 000 000 000—1 3 0

Keating and Sweeney; Boardman and Owens.

MURRAY AND NILES MEET IN FINAL TENNIS MATCH

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 25.—R. Lindsey Murray of Niagara Falls, N. Y., won his way into the final round of the national patriotic singles tournament here Friday by defeating John R. Strachan, a San Francisco three out of four sets by scores of 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Murray will meet N. W. Niles of Boston in the final match of the tournament Saturday, the latter having won his bracket Thursday when he defeated R. Norris Williams II, also of Boston, three out of four sets. Strachan put on a great and spectacular contest against Murray, but the latter's greater speed and power were the deciding factors in the match which was played to the accompaniment of sunshine, thunder, lightning and rain.

NAVY TO PLAY FOOTBALL IN SPITE OF THE WAR

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 25.—Inter-collegiate athletics discontinued at the Naval academy with the declaration of war upon Germany, will be resumed at the opening of the local football season, it was announced at the academy Friday.

Whether the annual football game between Army and Navy would be played this year, it was added, depended upon what was done at West Point, where athletics also were discontinued following the war declaration.

LEAGUE LEADERS WIN

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 25.—North could not find the plate and, aided by three errors by Bohne, Indianapolis won from Milwaukee, 16 to 7. Twice, with the bases full and two out, Bohne made a misplay. Four runs resulted the first time and two the second time. Score: Indianapolis 000 022 020—19 8 0
Milwaukee 010 000 200—7 10 4
Ellington and Gossett; North and Livingston.

Now You Quit!

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—In an effort to stamp out gambling in the Boston parks of the American and National leagues, Pres' Johnson of the American league said Friday the National baseball commission would issue an order Saturday directing the president of the two clubs to refuse admission to men convicted of betting. Johnson said the American league had done everything within its power to wipe out the evil. Detectives were employed to get evidence he said, and nine convictions already have been obtained.

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League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE	25	46	620
Boston	21	16	607
Cleveland	67	56	555
Detroit	25	45	520
New York	34	62	478
Washington	16	53	476
St. Louis	16	53	475
Philadelphia	17	53	476
NATIONAL LEAGUE	72	61	644
Baltimore	62	48	563
St. Louis	62	55	550
Cincinnati	62	55	542
Chicago	61	58	512
Broadway	54	59	476
Boston	61	45	476
Pittsburgh	78	71	471
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION	26	49	609
Indianapolis	73	51	575
Louisville	69	53	569
St. Paul	69	53	569
Minneapolis	56	45	541
Kansas City	56	45	542
Milwaukee	52	66	441
Tulane	55	71	437
St. Louis	43	79	39

Giants and Cubs Split; One Game Sets Record

MABEL TRASK IS WINNER OF FEATURETROT

Favorite Takes Free-for-All—Pop Geers Has a Big Day, Winning Two Races.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 25.—Mabel Trask, the favorite, won the free-for-all trot, the feature of the closing day's card of the grand trotting meeting at Belmont track Friday. Three of the fastest trotters on the circuit started in the event, which Model Trask took in straight heats with St. Frisco and established a new track record for trotters in a race in the second heat, which was stepped in 2:05 1-4. Cox allowed Geers to make the pace in both heats and brought Mabel Trask up through the stretch to win by a head both times.

Geers, who has been a great favorite with the crowds all week, had a big day, winning the two-year-old trot with Peter Jule and the 2:22 pace with Robert Gatewood, in addition to taking second money in the free-for-all.

North Star, owned by Congressmen Joseph McLaughlin of this city, and driven by Cox, won his second race of the meeting, taking the 2:22 pace in straight heats and stepping the middle heat in 2:01 1-4. The meeting opens at Poughkeepsie on Monday.

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League: Cincinnati 5-6; Philadelphia 6-7; Cleveland 3-2; St. Louis-Brooklyn 3-2; Pittsburgh 1; Boston 0.

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